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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.323**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §255 and 37 C.F.R. §1.323, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Certificate of Correction. The patentee shows the Office that the requested corrections are mistakes that are (1) of a typographical nature and (2) of minor character. The Applicants further assert that the corrections do not involve changes that would constitute new matter or require reexamination. See MPEP § 1481. The requested corrections are for errors in the claims, which errors are on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, thus no fee is required.

Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 919/547-2230. The Patent Office is requested to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-1197.

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